THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, *question does not arise.*

(c) The details of the projects identified by the Government in public and co-operative sector are as follows :—

(i) Expansion of Vijaipur Plant of National Fertilizers Limited.

(ii) Expansion of Apnla Plant of IFFCO.

(iii) Expansion of Hazira Plant of KRIBHCO by setting up a nitrophosphate unit.

(iv) Revamping/expansion of the plant of Madras Fertilizers Limited.

(v) Expansion of Thal Plant of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited by setting up ammonia/nitrophosphate plant.

(vi) Modernisation and expansion of Cochin-II plant of FACT.

(vii) Putting up of a modern 900 TPC Ammonia plant in replacement of three old Ammonia Plants at Udyogmandal by FACT.

(viii) Upgradation of the Gorakhpur Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India.

(ix) Phase-I Rehabilitation, including a captive power Plant of 40 MW, of Ramagandam Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India.

(x) Phase-I Rehabilitation of Talcher Plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India.

(xi) Modernisation of Sindri Plant and setting up of a new captive power plant at Sindri by Fertilizer Corporation of India.

[Translation]

Declaration of Ambedkar's Birthday as Government Holiday

3043. *SHRI KALKA DASS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :*

(a) whether the Government have received demands from various organisations to declare 'April 14', the birthday of Baba Sahib Ambedkar, as a public holiday; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Representations have been received demanding holiday on the birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. As a matter of policy, the birthday of no national leader other than that of Mahatma Gandhi, is being observed as a regular holiday. In view of this, it has not been found possible to accept the demand.

Drinking Water for Animals under DDP

3044. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any provision has been made for a special fund for providing drinking water for animals under the Desert Development Programme;

(b) whether the Government propose to instal tube-wells in desert